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# GERMANS DRAWING CLOSER TO VERDUN

Village of Forges, Nine Miles Northwest of Verdun, Taken by Teutonic Infantry Attacks

# FAILED IN ATTEMPT TO DEBOUCH FROM VILLAGE

Near Maisons de Champagne the Germans Have Succeeded in Occupying a Small Section of a French Trench-In the Argonne the French Blew Up a German Post With a Mine and Captured a Portion of the Crater-The Russians, Under Cover of Their Fleet, Have Made a Landing on the Black Sea Coast Near Trebizond-Considerable Fighting Has Taken Place in Northwest Russia Between the Russians and Germans.

The Russians under cover of the fire

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY

Conducted Heated Campaign.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 6 .- Nu-

state-wide preferences in the first beld in Indiana. It will be the first primary of the 1916 presidential cam-paign in which candidates for the

Although President Wilson is with-

only candidate for the republican nomination on the Indiana ballot, much interest throughout the country

that between Congressman John A.

Marair and Leonard B. Clore, for the

thernatorial nomination. Three can-

coters are expected to express their

irst and second choice for each of-ice it will be late before anything like

definite returns can be had and it may

be two or three days before the out-come of some of the contests will be

of the Complainants.

Complainants mentioned in the new

complaints mentioned in the new indictinent include Murray B. Leet, Wallingford, Conn.; R. J. Handly, Baltimore; L. A. Wells, Erie, Pa.; and H. P. Foster, Jr. Knoxville, Tenn., who allege that Lyman induced them to

send him money in the belief that he ntended to use it to purchase stocks.

Some of them also sent him collateral

as security on promised transactions according to the indictment and he

disposed of these without their con-

Movements of Steamships.

Gibraltar, March 2.—Sailed, steame

Regina d'Italia, from New York, Ge-

Willing to Be Coaxed.

ically lets it be known that he is out of politics and does not want the re-

Justice Hughes again and emphat-

Noordam, New York.

go News.

Falmouth March 6 .- Sailed, steamer

BROKER LYMAN'S CASE

made known.

est in the primary among the republi- moderates.

BEFORE GRAND JURY.

press their preferences in the

Further advances by the Germans in ever, drove them out and the French the Verdun region and in Champagne also occupied a portion of the mine are told in the latest French official communication, which, however, also records successes in repelling a German attempt to debouch further from a captured position, the driving of the Teutons out of a trench they had taken and the hammering with their heavily damaged German resitions. Teutons out of a trench they had a-Mousson, the French artillery haken and the hammering with their heavily damaged German positions. big guns of German organization. Russians Land on Black Sea Coast.

Germans Capture Forges. After having vigorously shelled the region between Bethincourt and the Meuse, the Germans in a strong infantry attack captured the village of Atina and Maprava and driving off Meuse, the Germans in a strong infantry attack captured the village of Forges, about nine miles northwest of Verdun. Not satisfied with the gain, they several times essayed to debouch from the village against the Cote de l'Ole, but the French in counter-attacks forced them back to the village and held them there.

In Champagne the right and left reflections of Trebizond, capturing the towns east of Trebizond, capturing the towns of Attina and Maprava and driving off the Turks who opposed them. Two officers and 280 men were made prisoner and two guns and a quantity of munitions were captured.

Considerable fighting between the Russians and the Germans has taken place in northwest Russia, the Russian place in northwest Russian trenches in

and held them there. In Champagne the right and left flanks of the French were attacked by the Germans in the region between Mont Tetu and Maisons de Champagne. At the former point the French fire kept the Germans to their trenches, but near Maisons de Champagne they suc-ceeded in occupying a small section of

near Maisons de Champagne they succeeded in occupying a small section of a French trench.

French Blow Up German Post.

In the Argonne the French blew up near Courtes Chausses a German post with a mine and captured a portion of the crater. Near Haute Chavauchee the Germans sprung two mines and later entered the French trenches at several points. Counter-attacks, how-

# GERMAN AIR RAID ON Three Zeppelins Caused 45 Casualties Candidates For Higher Offices Have Sunday Night.

London, March 7, 1.42 a. m .- The three German air raiders caused 45 merous meetings conducted tonight by casualties Sunday night, according to the candidates for the higher offices reports received up to midnight. The closed one of the most heated cam-three Zeppelins separated on their ar-rival on the English coast and they lies and the voters tomorrow will exwandered about over eight counties, but virtually all the damage was done in one Yorkshire town.

Reports from other parts of the raid-ed territory speak of the Zeppelins remaining stationary at comparatively low altitudes. All three of them seem-ed to have lost their bearings owing to the bad weather conditions. At a town on the southern coast a

Zeppelin was observed hastening homeward with its nose down, as if disabled severely. The German official report severely. says that all the raiders returned

Sunday's raid proved two things to the British public—first, that snow-storms are no hindrance to the Germa naircraft, and second that the public warnings which are given in advance to most of the districts visited do not lead to panic, but probably less-en the casualties. The snow was fall-ing heavily when the raiders arrived. but some experts believe that they flew est in above the snow clouds during the greater part of their visit.

One airship passed over the county of Cambridgeshire a half hour after midnight, but no bombs were dropped. A correspondent in Kent telegraphs that only one airship visited the Kentish coast, approaching direct from the sea. The pilot evidently, had no accurate idea of his whereabouts, for only three bombs were dropped. All the bombs fell in a marsh.

# ANNUAL MEETING CONN.

#### COUNCIL OF ORGANISTS, Murray B. Leet of Wallingford One Feature Was Rocital by Clifford Demarest of New York.

Meriden, Conn., March 6 .- A feature of the annual meeting of the Connecti-cut Council of Organists held in this city today was an organ recital Clifford Demarest, organist of the Church of the Messiah, New York city.

At the business meeting the officers were elected:
President, Alvin C. Pruel, Bridgeport; vice president, Prof. Karl P. Harrington, Weslevan college, Middletown; treasurer, Howard E. Brewer, Hartford; secretary, Miss Elsie Dresser, Hartford; chairman of membership

The next meeting of the council will be held at the Asylum Hill Congregational church, Hartford, in June.

# AMERICAN CONSULATE

#### STRUCK BY A SHELL During Bombardment of Trebizond, a Turkish Port, by the Russians.

can consulate at Trebizond, a Turkish port of the Black sea, was struck by a shell during a bomberdment by Russian torpedo boats on March and a Persian subject was killed with-in 20 feet of the desk of Consul Oscar S. Heizer. Another shell struck the residence of the vice consul adjoining

Teddy Taking a Rest. Bang! Bang! Whoop! Wow! Zowie! Colonel Roosevelt is preparing to take publican nomination "unless."-Chicaa little repose.—Chicago News.

# Cabled Paragraphs

English Naval Depot Bombarded. March 6. (by wireless to The German admiralty announced today that during last night's raid over England the naval depot at Hull was hombarded the explosions eing observed o be effective.

ARMED SHIP MATTER

DEBATED IN HOUSE Now Seems to be Taking on a Partisan Alignment.

Washington, March 6.—On the eve of what friends of the administration have planned as the final fight to end agitation in the house over the question of armed merchant ships, debate on the subject broke out in the house late today and continued hotly for more than an hour. When it was over there seemed to be more of a partisan alignment than at any time since the

ssue arose. Representative Mann of Illinois, the epublican leader, and Representative enroot of Wisconsin, republican number of the rules committee, gave nember of the rules committee, gave notice that they would oppose tomor-row the rule under which it is pro-posed to table the McLemore warning resolution after ninety minutes of deare on the rule and four hours' dis-

ussion of the resolution itself.
On the other hand, Chairman Flood
f the foreign affairs committee, who
as been understood previously to faor a warning resolution, voiced an
ppeal to all patriotic congressmen to

stand by the president.

Realizing the task ahead of them,
the administration whips sent out calls to all absent democrats within reach to all absent democrats within reach to hurry to Washington in time for the vote tomorrow. The president's supporters believe that a large ma-jority of democrats as well as many republicans will stand together to put through the rule and kill the McLe-more resolution. There will be for-midable opposition both in and out of the party, however, and the influence of William Jennings Bryan is being taken into account to be dealt with.

## CLERGYMAN PROTESTS

#### BRANDEIS' NOMINATION Because of Statements Made When He Represented Brewers' Association.

Washington, March 8.—Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, chairman of the legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon league of America, protested against confirmation of Louis D. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme cour-today before the senate investigating ommittee, because of statements made by Mr. Brandels in 1801, when he was counsel for the Protective Liquor Dealers' association and the New Engartillery smashing German trenches in the Riga sector and dispersing scout-ing parties in the vicinity of Friedrichand Brewers' association, before the Massachusetts legislature.

Massachusetts legislature.

Senator Chilton suggested that this incident occurred 25 years ago and that there was quite a difference between the public attitude toward the stadt. Owing to the heavy rains and avalanches, fighting has almost ceased on the Austro-Italian front . liquor interests then and today. Dr. Cannon insisted, however, that Mr. Brandels' public utterances had failed o show any change in his position. He said the objection was not based so said the objection was not based so much on the fact that Mr. Brandels appeared for the liquor interests and opposed pending legislation as on the sweeping statement he made about the liquor traffic in his arguments. Particular attention was directed to certificate the documents probably will be ready tigular attention was not based so lating some of the documents appending ed to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson opposed the property of the consider them in their entirety. All liquor traffic in his arguments. Particular attention was not based so lating some of the documents appended to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson traffic appeared to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson to the German declaration, Secretary Lansing and President Wilson to sweeping statement he made about the sweeping statement he made about the liquor traffic in his arguments. Particular attention was directed to certain quoted statements, one of them to the effect that liquor dealing was from Europe yesterday after visiting in

#### nkotographic of the records of the Massachusetts legislative committee, including an argument by Mr. Brandels,

STREET TRAFFIC SERIOUSLY

# INTERRUPTED BY STORM.

New York, March 6.—Steamship movements and street traffic here were seriously interrupted today by a heavy snowstorm. The weather bureau reported that four inches had fallen and omination for president will be voted added that this probably would be creased to six inches by tomorrow morning ut oposition for renomination on the

out oposition for renomination on the democratic ticket and Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks is the the streets. No serious damage to only candidate for the republicant Property has been reported, however, and the streets of the streets of the streets. Railroad traffic, according to official: remained almost normal, but many coming steamships were held in then interest the state of the vote.

The only contest of more than local needs in the democratic ranks is grip of the storm and were forced to anchor down the bay. Among these were the Kristianafjord from Bergen were the Kristianafford from Bergen, the Stockholm from Gothenburg and the Sixaolala from Havana.

None of the Lonf Island sound boats didates seeking the republican nomination for United States senator and three working hard for the nomination for governor have aroused deep inter-

# As the ballots are very long and the REPUBLICAN MAYORALTY

CANDIDATES WIN IN MAINE In Seven Out of the Ten City Elections Hold Yesterday.

Portland, Me., March 6 .- Republicar nayoralty candidates were successful n seven out of the ten city elections ld in Maine today. Colonel Frederick E. Boothby, former republican mayor of Portland, was elected mayor of Waterville, his present home, by a combination of two enemy power margin of only two votes over his did not include Great Britain. emocratic opponent. There will be a recount. Other republican mayors elected are Henry R. Porter at Auburn, Fred T. Eldridge at Eastport, Alexander C. Hagerty at Ellsworth, John M. Robinson at Halloweil, James H. Henderson at Saco and Charles E. West at South Portland, The successful demo-New York, March 6.—John Grant yman, who fled from this city after he exposure of a stock swindle which ne was alleged to have perpetrated and ater was arrested in Florida, was ac-cused today in a supplemental indict-South Portland. The successful demo ment returned by the federal grand cratic candidates are John A. Small at jury of "swindling various persons throughout the United States of large Frank C. Flint at Rockland. The succratic candidates are John A. Small at Bath, Louis J. Brann at Lewiston and sums of money." Since being returned here from Florida, Lyman, has been confined in the Tombs in default of \$100.000 bail on a charge of illegally using the malls. cess of the republicans in wresting control of Hallowell from the democrats was offset by the victory of the administration in Rockland.

## REFUSED TO HONOR AN AMERICAN PASSPORT

# Michael J. O'Connor Not Permitted to Land at Liverpool.

New York, March 6.-Michael J. Connor, owner of the estate of the late Lord Leitrim in Ireland, wso says that in October last, although provided with an American passport, he was not permitted to land at Liverpool, brought suit today in the federal district court here for \$100,000 damages against Philip A. S. Franklin, as receiver of the International Mercantile farine company.

O'Connor alleges that with the object of visiting his tenantry in Ireland, he sailed from here on the liner St. Louis, owned by a subsidiary company o fthe International Mercantile Marine company. At Liverpool, his com-plaint asetrts, he was unlawfully locked in a room and deprived of his liberty from October 24 to November

# Nine Prisoners Burned to Death

SOLUTION TO EXTERMINATE BRIDGEPORT TROLLEY CONDUCT-VERMIN EXPLODED

# IN EL PASO CITY JAIL

Forty Others Were Seriously Injured -Agonizing Cries of Victims Heard by a Great Crowd Outside the Jail.

El Paso, Tex., March 6.-Nine pris-pners were burned to death and probably 40 others were seriously injured. many fatally, when fire, starting from large tubs containing a solution of gasoline and kerosene, used to exter-minate vermin, exploded in the city jail today. Many of the victims were Robber Ma thoroughly saturated with the solution when the flames enveloped them, and their cries of agony were heard by a great crowd which had assembled out-side of the jail.

In their first reports jail officials at-tributed the origin of the fire to the deliberate act of a prisoner in throw-ing a lighted match into one of the containers holding the explosive fluid. Unable to Escape Sheet of Flame. Surrounding the bath quarters are

ows of cells, and it was in these that jost of the fatalities occurred. Locked , the prisoners were unable to escap e blinding sheet of flame. Those wh were rescued were found insensible and terribly burned. Fifty Prisoners Taken Out Unharmed.

About 50 prisoners were taken out nharmed and placed in quarters renoved from the bath house under eavy guard. The fire department uartered in the same building, quickextinguished the fire and with the ssistance of five physicians gave ald the burned victims. Mayor Lea has rdered an investigation.

#### CONSIDERATION OF GERMANY'S SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN

#### Col. House is Understood to Have Told Secretary Lansing Germany Feels Justified.

Washington, March 6 .- With the appendices to Germany's declaration of the new submarine campaign against armed merchant ships of her enemies pefore it, the administration is prepar-ing to determine the next move of the United States in the negotiations with the central European powers. Accord-ing to present plans diplomatic nego-tiations on the subject are to follow a settlement of the controversy in con

gress.

Because of the necessity of trans-

marine policy and was not bluffing.

Colonel House is believed to have strengthened the view already held by both the president and Secretary Lansing that the submarine negotiations must be handled with the greatest care if a break with Germany is to be avoided, although he reported that Germany had no desire for war with the United States. He discussed the issue frankly with Herr Von Jagow, the German foreign minister, and De. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. perial chancellor.

# ADMIRAL FLETCHER TELLS

#### OF THE NAVY'S NEEDS With Three More Dreadnoughts and crawer and had in his pockets over Four Battle Cruisers We Would \$143 which the robber had overcoked. Equal German Navy.

Washington, March 6 .- Three dreadoughts and four battle cruisers added the American fleet, built and au-orized, would make it the equal in ighting strength of the present Ger-nan fleet, Admiral Fletcher, commandr of the Atlantic fleet, declared toay before the house naval committee While Germany has seven battle ruisers and the United States none, the admiral said, the 35 knot craft proposed by the navy department would be so much superior to anyhing now affoat that four of them, ossibly three, would more than offset ie seven German boats. With the present fleet of 43 bat-eships of all types, three additional drendnoughts and seven battle cruis-ers, Admiral Fletcher thought "we could reasonably expect to make a good defence, although not an abso-lute one," of both coasts against any

# ORPET MUST STAND

#### TRIAL FOR MURDER. Wisconsin Student Held by Grand Jury for Death of Former Sweetheart.

combination of two enemy powers that

Chicago, March 6 .- Will H. Orpet, University of Wisconsin student convicted by a Lake county grand jury today on a charge of murdering his from the demo-he victory of the year's republican trial next week, but a continuance on

be culmination of allason, that it was precipitated by Orpet's transferring his county, Conn., already have been taffections to another woman, and that ferred, but those in the four provided a violent poison which the

### FIFTH DIVISION OF SWISS ABOUT TO BE DEMOBILIZED

# German Infringement of Neutrality No Longer Considered Possible.

Paris, March 6, 4.45 p. m.—The fifth division of the Swiss army, on duty along the German frontier, is about to be demobilized, according to a dispatch to the Temps from Zurich.

This is considered a good sign, adds the Temps, principally being an indication that the Swiss government no longer considers a German infringement of its neutrality possible. ment of its neutrality possible.

Britain has lent its Allies \$884,500,. One more demotion for the Grand 00, and is letting them have all the Duke and Russia will be well-nigh fighting they want.-Indianapolis Star. invincible.-Washington Post.

# **Bold Hold-Up Man**

OR ONE OF THE VICTIMS

# CONDUCTOR WAS SHOT

When He Tried to Wrest Revolver From Robber-Clerk in a Store in New Haven Held Up Earlier in Day.

Devon, Conn., March 6 .- J. F. Orr. Bridgeport trolley conductor, was shot out not seriously wounded, by an un-known highwayman who had robbed him of his small change at the east end of the Washington bridge near

# Robber Made His Escape.

The robber made his escape. Acescription of the man that Orr gave allies closely with that of the rob-er who earlier in the day held up at he point of a revolver a clerk in a New Haven store. The authorities are now scouring the surrounding untry for the man.

Ordered to Turn Over Money. According to information given out Chapman of the the highwayman ey company, arded the car at Devon Corner, the being an extra bound for d. There were no passengers in the car at the time. When Con-ligtor Orr went up to the man and sked for his fare, the robber drew a evolver and ordered him to turn over its money. Orr gave the man all he loose change he had in his pockets nd also turned over his watch.

Tried to Grab Revolver. Orr, evidently thinking he had an opportunity to wrest the revolver from the man, grabbed his arm and a hand-to-hand fight ensued, during which, it s claimed, the gun was accidently disharged, the builet lodging in the hip.

Second Shot Went Wild. Another shot was fired, but the bul-t went wide. oMtorman Murphy let went wide. oMtorman Murphy of Bridgeport, hearing the shots, brought his car to a stop about the same time the robber jumped from the car and disappeared. The man ran in the direction of a moving freight train on the Berkshire division of the New Haven rand it is of the New Haven road and it is thought he stole a ride, taking him far away from the scene in a few

#### Wound Not Serious. Orr was taken to the office of Dr. Pons and given medical treatment ater he was taken to the Bridgeort ospital, where it was said that his ndition was not serious,

BOLD DAYLIGHT HOLDUP IN A NEWHAVEN STORE Robber Got \$14 from Clerk in Great A & P. Store.

New Haven, Conn., March 6 .- A bold t hold-up which netted the about \$14 in cash and a silver president and Secretary Lansing to-day that the German government be-lieved itself justified in its new sub-marine policy and was not bluffing. watch occurred today at a branch store here of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company. The man walked into the store and at the point of a

> is described as being years old, of medium th face, stocky build and resped in a wray coat and cap. Later the clerk said he had ju

# TATE OFFICIALS VISIT SOLDIERS' HOME AT NOROTON

### Gov. Holcomb and Party Partake of Wholesome Corned Beef Dinner.

or Holcomb. Adjutant General George M. Cole. Surgeon General P. H. Ingalls, A. F. Beers and Major John H. Thatcher, members of the soldiers' hospital beard, visited the soldiers' home at Noro'en Saturday. Gov. Holome at Noroten Saturday. Gov. rioromb said today he was pleased to find
hat the improvements recommended
by the board had been carried out
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of military duty with the French
army was introduced in the Chamber

single complaint against the management. He said he saw a sample of the mattresses to be furnished and found it to be "comfortable and good enough for any one." Gov. Holcomb and the other visitors took with the veterans. Gov. Holcomb said it was a corned beef dinner, wholeome, well cooked and well served.

#### HEARING APPEAL OF WESTERN CONN. BANKS POSTPONED For Transfer from Boston to New York Federal District.

Washington, March 6 .- The federal oday on a charge of murdering his ormer sweetheart, Marian Lambert, The case probably will be called for rial next week, but a continuance on emission of the defense is expected.

The grand jury heard 25 witnesses. It is charged that the tragedy was he culmination of allason, that it was precipitated by Orpet's transferring his infections to another woman, and that it forced but those in the four other than a country conn., already have been transferred but those in the four other than a country conn., already have been transferred but those in the four other control of the case probably will be called for pone until May consideration of the pending appeal of banks west of the Connecticut river in the state of other western counties remain in the Boston

ber of the board, and Paul M. Warburg of the board leave Washington tomorrow with the United States section of the international high commission for Buenos Aires and will be gone two months. In their absence the board does not desire to take loes not desire to take up this sub-

# Nothing Can Dim That. J. Ham Lewis' chance to become vice president may have gone glim-mering, but J. Ham's sartorial per-fection is in no wise impaired.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Progress for the Duke

# Condensed Telegrams

General Carranza will visit Mexico City before March 15.

German railroad men contributed

Turkey is considering a proposal to prohibit all exports of tobacco.

German and Austrian railroads are Gen. Charles H. Noble, U. S. A., re ired, died at his home at India

of heart disease. Cardinal Mercier has returned to alines, Belgium, from Rome, where

e visited Pope Benedict. Nine strikes of machinists which have en in progress at Hartford nany months were settled.

Masuji Miyakawa, the first Japanese awyer ever admitted to the American bar; died ta Los Angeles, Cal.

The American steamship Camino, etained for examination by the British Admiralty, has been released. A report from Rome states that bscriptions to the third Italian

oan are expected to total 4,000,000,000 The Peruvian government has con-tracted for the purchase in New York of 145,000 ounces of silver for coin-

A warning against embarking or armed merchantmen has been issued to Swedish citizens by their govern-

The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Kansas City, from Aug. 29 to

A trainload of 250,000 tons of sugar from Hawaii, valued at \$25,000,000 and consigned to New York, passed through Chicago.

o frighten, not to kill, Peter Dias, the Austrian churches with copper roofs re donating the copper to the Gov-

Joseph Marshall of Bridgeport, a ne-

rnment for use in the manufacture of Six seamen working in the hold of e destroyer Preble at San Diego, Cal., ere badly burned by the explosion of

President Wilson received a letter ontaining 69 cents from a man in eorgia, who asked the President to get hi ma divorce.

use in Mexico City used by him as William F. Kelley, American consul at Rome, was found dead in the con-sulate there. He is thought to have

died of heart disease Four Germans and two Spaniards have been deported from Mexico for inciting trouble among the workers in

the oil fields at Tampico. aboard a barge in the Hudson were destroyed by spectacula that wrecked the barge.

The Austrian Government has is sned an appeal for dogs suitable for ambulance service or for use as army

The Brazilian steamship Sergine was in collision with an unidentified steamer off Sandy Hook. Neither vessel was badly damaged.

watch dogs in the trenches

John C. Grady, for 26 years a member of the state senate of Pennsylva-nia, died at Philadelphia, aged 68. He was the author of several laws.

Henry P. Fletcher, retiring Ambassa. dor to Chill, who has been appointed Ambassador to Mexico, will sail from Julparaiso on the steamship Huasco. One hundred men have been organiz-

ed into the first unit of the Naval Re-serve Corps, which is being recruited in the arms plants in or near Phila-Queen Sophie of Greece has con-sulted with Dr. Edward W. Ryan of the American Red Cross regarding the

stablishment of a Red Cross clinic in

The Duke of Rohan, a member of the French Chamber of Deputies, and cap-tain of cavalry, was twice wounded in the fighting at Douaument . His condition is not serious.

An explosion caused by the accidental dropping of a case of hand grenades caused the death of 30 persons and se-rious damage to the fort called "Double Cox Couronne," ner St. Denis, France.

The police of Shanghai, China, discovered five cases of artillery ammu-nition at the bottom of a well in the garden of a German, who is said to have planned to ship the ammunition

Ohio C. Barber, match manufacturer of Cleveland, Ohio, confirmed reports that he would present his \$3,000,000 model farm at Barnerton, Ohio, to Western Resrve University for an agricultural college.

A decree for the sale of the Western

Colonel Roosevelt's admission that he has read 700 suffrage books and pamphlets is another reminder there are heroes in peace as well as in war.—Springfield Union.

Opposing Carranza. No wonder the interventionists want to make war on Carranza. He has spoiled the whole intervention

Damascus in Syria is the oldest of all existing cities.

# Freight Congestion On Eastern Roads

DISCUSSED BEFORE IN INTER-STATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

# REMEDIES SUGGESTED

Proposition to Cut Down Free Storage Time Allowed-Another to Cut Off Shipments to New York for Export.

Washington, March 6.—Reason for the freight congestion which has tied up eastern trunk line railroads despite their restrictions. their restrictions on export traffic and some of the remedies which may be used to correct this condition were discussed today before the Interstate Commerce Commission by representa-tives of the interested carriers, ship-pers and receivers of freight.

## Seaports Affected.

Although the discussion dealt al-nost exclusively with conditions at New York, it was pointed out that New York, it was pointed out that Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other seaports probably would be af-fected by any changes made in the rules and regulations of carriers. The hearing, or conference, will continue tomorrow morrow.

The railroad representatives offered a resolution for the consideration of of the commission proposing to cut down the free storage time allowed on freight in terminals and increase the demurrage charges on cars not un-loaded after a fixed period of free time allowed for this purpose. The shippers and receivers of freight op-posed this plan in a resolution declarposed this plan in a resolution declar-ing it to be their belief that such asures would not relieve congestion but would add burdens to the public

#### Many Reasons Assigned. Many reasons were assigned for the

Many reasons were assigned for the pilling up of freight in the seaboard cities, but there was no agreement on this point. The large export traffic, the desire of the carriers and others to obtain large supplies of coal in fear that there may be a coal strike next month and the lack of sufficient track facilities around New York and of lighters in New York harbor around New York and of lighters in New York harbor were said to be contrib-New York and of lighters in New York harbor were said to be contributing causes.

# Howard Elliott's Vlews.

Two persons were killed and eight housed when a South Dakota Central rain plunged through a bridge near Vaterdown, S. D crease in buying throughout the ter-ritory of the New Haven road, the de-mand for raw materials and foodstuffs there and the desire of the road itself to get plenty of coal had much to do with a situation on its lines which he aid had almost reached the point of

The Carranza government has restrangulation.

R. H. Large, coal agent of the Pennsylvania rallroad, declared that at Perth Amboy, N. J., the Pennsylvania system now had constantly on hand from 5,000 to 7,000 cars of coal, when the normal number there was only 2,500 cars. He said the Pennsylvania proposed to file tariffs with the commission reducing the free time allowance on such shipments and increas-

Blamed the Rallroads. A. F. Mack of the United States About 37,800 gallons of gasoline Steel Products commany which hamboard a barge in the Hudson river dies the export business of the United States Steel Corporation, blamed the chas isable for an an improved system. Some of the cars of steel shipped from Pittsburgh last October, he asserted, land not yet reached tidewater at New York. He said the company should have on hand at New York for shipment at all times 75,000 tons, but that now it had there only 28,000 tons, although at the end of December it had on its way there about 110,000 tons. em-lva-and in the last three month; had ship-tel ped about 117,000 tons more.

Would Shut Off Export Shipments. Mr. Mack said that in his opinion the only way to correct existing con-ditions was to shut off all source of supply for New York in export ship-ments. "Thos should be done," he said, 'until the railroads can clean up. They have had embargoes for months and they have done no good whatever. We've got to drive the knife deep." Answering suggestions that the lack of ships was responsible for the con-restion. Mr. Mack produced figures from New York custom house showing that 4,235 vessels cleared from New York in 1914 and 4,987 in 1915. He said his company had received thousands of complaints from foreign buyers and that those who complained that they were driven to American markets now by war conditions would certainly go elsewhere to buy when they could.

Only 5 Per Cent, War Munitions. Mr. Eliott had declared that of the New Haven's total freight tennage as shown by recent figures, only per cent, was in war munitions. Mack also expressed the opinion that war munition traffic was a small part of the whole that flowed into New

## SPANISH STEAMER SUNK BY STRIKING A ROCK.

Off the Const of Brazil-Went to the Bottom in Five Minutes.

Santos, Brazil, March 6 .- The Span-Santos, Frani, March 6.—Ine Span-ish steamship Principe de Asturias has been sunk by striking a rock. She went to the bottom in five minutes. Eighty-six members of the crew and 17 passengers have been brought to

The survivors were brought to San-tos by the French steamer Viga. A Spanish steamship is standing by.

The Principe de Asturias was engaged in the passenger service be-tween Barcelona and Brazil. The last reports of her movements are of her departure on her previous trip east-ward. She passed Gibraltar Febru-ary 4 on her way from Buenos Aires to Barcelona.

She was a large and comparatively new vessel. Her gross tonnage was \$371. She was built at Port Glasgow in 1914 and owned by thme Pinellos, Inquierdo Cia of Cadiz, Spein. Fear 400 Lives Have Been Lost.

Rio Janeiro, March 6.—It is feared here that 400 lives have been lost by the sinking of the Spanish steamship Principe de Asturias. The steamer remained affoat only a short time after striking a shoal off San Sebastic and game.-Charleston News and Courier. there was little time for the escape passengers and crew in the